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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chair
The Honorable Michael O'Reilly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA," File ID 1114050901562) and to disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set for the in FCC's Sept. 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable TV Consumer Protection and Competition Action of 1991, MB Docket 05-311.

Our community is a far-flung rural community in Southwest Vermont, and the connection provided by GNAT-TV, our local Public, Educational, and Government Access Television and Community Media is critical. The local presence of GNAT-TV enables the residents of the Northshire of Bennington County (Arlington-Manchester-Dorset-Winhall-Weston) to watch local programming about the community, including coverage of Select Board and Town Meetings, of School Board Meetings, and of other community and cultural events. This was the intent of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen local democracy and citizen involvement. By defining "franchise fee" in an overly broad fashion to include in kind support, the FCC's proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators and will force our community to choose between franchise fees and our local public access channels – something that was NEVER the intent of the Act.

I appreciate your consideration and hope you will protect PEG access to all communities, including that provided through GNAT-TV to our community, by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice.

Sincerely,

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Comcast/Xfinity subscriber